Assessment on the killings of BSF Personnel by Bangladesh Rifles

1849. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any post assessment of the recent illegal occupation of the Indian territory and unprovoked firing by the Bangladesh Rifles resulting in casualties among the BSF and whether there is any involvement of Pakistan in the incident; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Following the unwarranted and unprovoked intrusion by BDR forces into the Indian territory, Government had directed the BSF to remain in a position of high alert. The field formations are being strengthened and further equipped with better communications system. The Government of Bangladesh has informed the Government of India that a full investigation would be carried out keeping in view all aspects of the incident. The Government of Bangladesh has not yet communicated the progress of their investigation.

Fencing on Indo-Pak borders

1850. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fencing of Indo-Pak borders have been completed;

(b) if not, how much is yet to be complete; and

(c) by when the remaining part is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Construction of fencing in Punjab and Rajasthan sectors of the Indo-Pak border has been completed except for certain stretches where fencing was not possible due to terrain conditions *i.e.* riverine areas, shifting sand dune areas, permanently water logged areas etc.